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1. SUMMARY. SOVIET MEDIA HAVE REACTED WITH PREDICTABLE GLEE TO THE DISCLOSURE OF CIA FUNDING OF ANTI-ALLENDE ACTIVITIES IN CHILIE, BUT HAVE NOT CRITICIZED PRESIDENT FORD OR SECRETARY KISSINGER IN THEIR REPORTS TO DATE. END SUMMARY.

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2. IN REPORTING PRESIDENT FORD'S PRESS CONFERENCE OF SEPTEMBER

17, PRAVDA AND IZVESTIA (SEPTEMBER 18) INCLUDED PORTIONS OF THE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT CHILE BUT DID NOT ORIGINATE NOR CARRY ANY COMMENTS ON THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS. PRAVDA (SEPTEMBER 19 AND 20) CARRIED TASS ARTICLES FROM WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK CITING CRITICAL COMMENTS ABOUT THE CIA ACTIVITIES FROM AMERICAN ACADEMIC FIGURES, MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND THE NEW YORK TIMES. IZVESTIA (SEPTEMBER 19) REPLAYED LARGE PORTIONS OF A NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE AND COMMENTATOR V. MATVEEV USED CHILE AS ONE EXAMPLE IN A LARGER COMMENTARY ABOUT ILLEGAL IMPERIALIST INTERFERENCE IN OTHER COUNTRIES' AFFAIRS. KRASNAYA ZVEZDA (SEPTEMBER 20) CARRIED A COMMENTARY BY V. CHURSANOV WHICH REPEATED DETAILS OF DIRECTOR COLBY'S TESTIMONY AND ADDED A SHOT ABOUT RENEWED U.S. MILITARY AID TO CHILE AFTER THE COUP.

3. COMMENTATOR YURI ZHUKOV DEVOTED ABOUT HALF OF HIS TELECAST ON SEPTEMBER 21 TO CHILE, UNDERLINING THE SOVIET AND SOCIALIST PEOPLE' OUTRAGE AT THE JUNTA'S ACTIVITIES AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE CHILEAN PARTIOTS' EFFORTS TO THROW OUT THE "HOOLIGANS" AND RESTORE DEMOCRACY. ZHUKOV REFERRED TO THE MOSCOW MEETING (SEPTEMBER 11) TO MARK THE "INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY WEEK" AND QUOTED FROM BREZHNEV'S MESSAGE TO THAT MEETING (REFTEL). ZHUKOV REPEATED THE CIA STORY, NOTED THE NEW YORK TIMES' CRITICISM AGAIN, AND QUOTED MARCHETTI'S BOOK TO THE EFFECT THAT THE CIA SENDS AGENTS TO EVERY COUNTRY SEEKING TO INFLUENCE THEM TO SERVE U.S. INTERESTS. ANSWERING A VIEWER'S QUESTION ON WHY THE USG DID NOT PREVENT U.S. COMPANIES FROM UNDERMINING ALLENDE, ZHUKOV SAID THAT ONE MUST UNDERSTAND THE CLASS NATURE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS; THE USG, LIKE ALL OTHER CAPITALIST GOVERNMENTS, SERVES THE GOALS OF ITS CAPITALISTS.

4. PRAVDA'S POLITICAL CARTOON SEPTEMBER 24 SHOWED A CIA HAND MANIPULATING A "BLODDY PUPPET," BUT TWO OTHER COMMENTARIES BLASTING CHILE DID NOT MENTION THE CIA OR THE U.S. LITERATURNAYA GAZETA (SEPTEMBER 25) HAS AN ARTICLE BY YURI YARTSEV ON THE CIA WHICH ALSO DRAWS ON MARCHETTI'S BOOK. THE ARTICLE FOCUSSES ON "DIRTY TRICKS" IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES INCLUDING CHILE AND VIETNAM, AND CITES THE TESTIMONY OF DIRECTOR COLBY, FORMER DIRECTOR HELMS, AND OTHER SOURCES ABOUT CIA ACTIVITIES.

5. COMMENT. THE DISCLOSURES ARE A GODSEND TO MOSCOW WHICH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THEY COULD NOT AVOID EXPLOITING. THE TIMING, JUST AFTER THE SOVIET-SPONSORED "SOLIDARITY WEEK," IS ALSO OPPORTUNE. NEVERTHELESS, MOST OF THE REPORTS THUS FAR HAVE SIMPLY REPLAYED PORTIONS OF THE TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS CRITICAL OF THE CIA FROM AMERICAN SOURCES. THE SOVIETS HAVE CONSPICUOUSLY AVOIDED ORIGINATING OR REPLAYING ANY COMMENTS CRITICAL OF PRESIDENT FORD AND HAVE NOT EVEN MENTIONED SECRETARY KISSINGER, THOUGH ZHUKOV AND A FEW OTHER REPORTS HAVE REFERRED TO THE

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